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Title:

DIRECT DNA SEQUENCING WITH A TRANSCRIPTION

PROTEIN AND A NANOMETER SCALE ELECTROMETER

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of July 22, 2003, Applicants' attorney elects claims 1-17, and 26-42 with traverse.

The Office Action states that the product could be used in a materially different process, such as an immunoassay. However, there are no directions as to how such apparatus could be modified to apply to an immunoassay. For example Claim 1, in its preamble refers to the apparatus as having the capability of sequencing DNA. The apparatus comprises a "protein that is capable of transcribing said DNA...." Accepting the broadest possible interpretation of immunoassay so as to include any binding protein, it is not seen how the apparatus would be useful in an assay. While the apparatus could detect the binding of DNA to support an alternative utility.

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In view of the above remarks the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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